

CLXXVIII

To the Supreme Authority of the
NATION,
The
PARLIAMENT
Of the Common-wealth of *ENGLAND.*



The Humble Petition of Walter Elford of London,
MERCHANT,

SHEWETH,

THat whereas in the year 1643. the Petitioner residing as a Merchant and Factor at *Smyrna*, in good credit and employments; and Sir *Sackville Crow*, as Embassadour at *Constantinople*, upon false Information of pretended Treason against the late King, did closely Imprison your Petitioner thirty monerhs, by which his sufferings were very great (as may appear by the annexed Copie of his Petition to this Honourable House, and the Report of the Committee for the Navie) to whom, amongst other things, the same was referred by your Honours, *April 4. Anno 1648.* and since by a farther Order of *January 27. 1656.* it was also referred by the then Parliament, unto the several persons therein nominated (as by a Copie thereof, also here annexed, may appear) But by reason of the multiplicity of the Parliaments weighty Affairs, and the great Difference between the *Levies* or *Turkey Company*, and the said Sir *Sackville Crow*, your Petitioner was put off from time to time: Which Company, and the said Sir *Sackville Crow* (as your Petitioner hath heard from themselves) have lately agreed, by presenting the said Sir *Sackville's* Lady with two or three thousand Pounds in money (which in effect was given, even for betraying and mischiefing them more then an hundred and fifty thousand Pounds:) But your Petitioner could not be permitted to attach the said moneys (though by him endeavoured) towards part of satisfaction of his damages, sustained by the said Sir *Sackville Crow's* malicious dealings with him; By which, and also by tedious suites, occasioned by his forreign false Imprisonment, your said Petitioner is almost ruined.

Wherefore, Your said Petitioner doth most humbly pray, That your Honours will be pleased to call to Mr. *Garland* (one of the Members of this Honourable House) for the said Report: And that the said *Turkey Company* may be prohibited the delivery of those Bonds to Sir *Sackville Crow*, which he Sealed to them for the performance of Articles, and the Security which he gave, not to be discharged, until he (who from time to time hath not wanted Advocates) shall give satisfaction to your Petitioner. That your said Petitioner, after so many years attendance on several Committees, may now at last have Justice on, and Reparations from, the said Sir *Sackville Crow*, as in your Wisdoms shall seem meet,

And your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

May 25. 1659.

Walter Elford.